€coMerit

A Three Year Environmental Certification Programme



The €coMerit Certification Programme enables organisations to:

- Save money on waste, energy and water costs
- Improve environmental performance
- Become environmentally certified

What will a participating organisation get from the €coMerit programme?

- **Support** from an environmental advisor to identify improvements and savings in waste, water and energy bills
- Guidance to implement a simple environmental management system
- A certificate to independently verify its environmental credentials Annual surveillance visits to evaluate performance and identify further savings and improvements
- Assistance in applying for environmental improvement grants

What does it cost to participate in the €coMerit Programme?

Fees vary depending on the size of the organisation as follows:

Employees Per Site	Year 1 Certification	Years 2 & 3 Surveillance
0 - 10	€400	€200
11 - 30	€550	€250
31 - 60	€750	€300
61-100	€950	€400

The fees charged to programme participants are subsidised by Local Authorities.

The actual cost of the consultancy support provided to achieve €coMerit certification is €1,800/site in year 1 and €900/site to retain the certification in subsequent years.

At the end of year 3, a re-certification can be carried out and a further three year cycle commenced; annual surveillance fees will apply.

What are the Certification Requirements?

- An Environmental Policy
- An Environmental Improvement Plan
- Environmental Performance Monitoring Records
- A Commitment to Pollution Prevention

How to prepare for the €coMerit advisor's visit

- Have available a guide who is familiar with the energy, water and waste management on-site.
- Know the energy and water usage and amount of waste generated during the previous year and provide bills to demonstrate the costs involved
- Think about the environmental areas on which you would particularly like advise

To participate in the €coMerit Programme

Complete and return the application form which can be found on www.ecomerit.ie to receive a no-obligation quote and to arrange a site visit.

Environmental Business Support

"The silver lining is that being more responsible and sustainable will save money. Pots of it. A true win-win situation." – Phil Walker, Econcertive. For further information, including case studies and details of all €comerit certificate holders, visit www.ecomerit.ie Mr. Phil Walker, Econcertive. T: 051 428739 E: phil@ecocert.ie

Environmental Business Support

"The €coMerit programme is designed to help businesses and public sector organisations improve their environmental performance and achieve financial savings. It is simple to implement and maintain and provides an environmental certification. Average cost savings in the first year of certification alone are €7,961*. To date, €coMerit certificate holders have achieved an average annual improvement of 9% in their energy carbon footprints.



*(reporting figures as at end of 2017)

The €coMerit programme is supported by Local Authorities who subsidise the delivery of the programme. The programme is overseen by a steering group consisting of the following members:

